

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ended 2001

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ended 2001

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Montgomery County Fiscal Court audit for fiscal year ended 2001. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

Notes Receivable:

Notes receivable balance as of June 30, 2001 was \$381,322.

Debt Obligations:

Total bonded debt principal as of June 30, 2001, was \$675,639. Future collections of \$1,017,812 are needed over the next 13 years to pay all bonded debt principal and interest.

Capital lease principal agreements totaled \$336,000 as of June 30, 2001.

Report Comments:

• The county should improve internal controls over insurance coverage and comply with state and federal tax laws.

Deposits:

The fiscal court's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising from cash transactions of Montgomery County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2001, and the related statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in cash balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Montgomery County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, Montgomery County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The modified cash basis accounting system does not require an entity to maintain a general fixed asset group or a general long-term debt group of accounts.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising primarily from cash transactions as of June 30, 2001, of Montgomery County, Kentucky, and the revenues received and expenditures paid for the year then ended, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting described above.

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In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated February 20, 2002, on our consideration of Montgomery County, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The accompanying financial information listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of Montgomery County, Kentucky. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:

• The County Should Improve Internal Controls Over Insurance Coverage And Comply with State And Federal Tax Laws

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - February 20, 2002

MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICIALS

Fiscal Year Ended 2001

Fiscal Court Members:

B.D.Wilson County Judge/Executive

F.M. Sponcil Commissioner
Tom Prewitt Commissioner
Lloyd Cassidy Commissioner

Other Elected Officials:

Paul Cowden County Attorney

Everett Dwayne Myers Jailer

Judy Long Witt County Clerk

Connie Curtis Circuit Court Clerk

Fred Shortridge Sheriff

Jeff Garrison Property Valuation Administrator

Wallace Johnson Coroner

Appointed Personnel:

Brenda Mapel County Treasurer

Kaye Rogers Occupational Tax Collector

Brenda Jackson Finance Officer



STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

June 30, 2001

Assets and Other Resources	
<u>Assets</u>	
General Fund Type	
General Fund:	
Cash \$	24,944
	,300,000
Jail Fund:	
Cash	1,000
Payroll Revolving Account - Cash	49,274 \$ 1,375,218
Special Revenue Fund Type	
Finneran Fund:	
Cash \$	10,873
Investments	75,000
Health and Civic Center Fund:	
Cash	14,126
Investments	150,000
Revolving Loan Fund:	
Cash	173,182
Investments	50,000
Notes Receivable (Note 4)	381,322 854,503
Other Resources	
General Fund Type	
General Fund:	
Amounts to be Provided in Future Years for Annex	
Capital Lease Obligation (Note 6)	336,000
Jail Fund:	
Amounts to be Provided in Future Years for Jail	
Participation Agreement (Note 5)	675,639
Total Assets and Other Resources	\$ 3,241,360

MONTGOMERY COUNTY STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS June 30, 2001 (Continued)

<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>

Liabilities

General Fund Type

General Fund:	
Capital Lease Obligation (Note 6)	\$ 336,000
Jail Fund:	
Jail Participation Agreement (Note 5)	675,639

Payroll Revolving Account 49,274 \$ 1,060,913

Special Revenue Fund Type

Revolving Loan Fund:	
Deferred Revenue (Note 4)	381,322

Fund Balances

Unreserved:

General Fund Type

Revolving Loan Fund

General Fund	\$ 1,324,944
Jail Fund	1,000 1,325,944
Special Revenue Fund Type	
Finneran Fund	\$ 85,873
Health and Civic Center Fund	164,126

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances \$ 3,241,360

223,182

473,181



STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

			General Fund Type					
Cash Receipts	(M	Totals emorandum Only)		General Fund]	Road and Bridge Fund		Jail Fund
Schedule of Operating Revenue Other Financing Sources:	\$	6,398,913	\$	3,853,154	\$	1,061,021	\$	1,143,603
Transfers In		1,213,561		200,000		625,260		295,136
Total Cash Receipts	\$	7,612,474	\$	4,053,154	\$	1,686,281	\$	1,438,739
Cash Disbursements								
Comparative Schedule of Final Budget and Budgeted Expenditures Other Financing Uses:	\$	6,483,742	\$	3,082,409	\$	1,538,425	\$	1,414,145
Transfers Out Jail Participation Agreement:		1,213,561		1,013,561		200,000		
Principal Annex Capital Lease Obligation:		29,517						29,517
Principal		63,151		63,151				
Total Cash Disbursements	\$	7,789,971	\$	4,159,121	\$	1,738,425	\$	1,443,662
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	\$	(177,497)	\$	(105,967)	\$	(52,144)	\$	(4,923)
Cash Balance - July 1, 2000*		1,976,622		1,430,911		52,144		5,923
Cash Balance - June 30, 2001*	\$	1,799,125	\$	1,324,944	\$	0	\$	1,000

^{*} Cash Balance Includes Investments

^{**} Does not agree to prior year ending balance due to prior year voided checks.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001 (Continued)

	General and Type			Specia	al Re	venue Fund	І Турє	e		
Gov Ec	Local vernment conomic ssistance Fund	F	inneran Fund	Health and Civic Center Fund	Fo	nergency ood and Shelter Fund		uvenile Tustice Fund	R	evolving Loan Fund
\$	79,132	\$	5,091	\$ 150,786	\$	12,089	\$	16,420	\$	77,617
				50,000				43,165		
\$	79,132	\$	5,091	\$ 200,786	\$	12,089	\$	59,585	\$	77,617
\$	79,132	\$	3,518	\$ 271,264	\$	12,089	\$	59,585	\$	23,175
\$	79,132	\$	3,518	\$ 271,264	\$	12,089	\$	59,585	\$	23,175
\$	0	\$	1,573 84,300	\$ (70,478) 234,604	\$	0	\$	0	\$	54,442 168,740
\$	0	\$	85,873	\$ 164,126	\$	0	\$	0	\$	223,182

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2001

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statements of Montgomery County include the funds, agencies, boards, and entities for which the fiscal court is financially accountable. Financial accountability, as defined by Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, as amended by GASB 14, was determined on the basis of the government's ability to significantly influence operations, select the governing authority, participate in fiscal management and the scope of public service. Based upon the application of the criteria stated in GASB 14, there are no component units which merit consideration as part of the reporting entity.

Additional - Montgomery County Constitutional Elected Officials

- Circuit Court Clerk
- County Attorney
- County Clerk
- County Sheriff
- Property Valuation Administrator

The Kentucky constitution provides for election of the above officials from the geographic area constituting Montgomery County. Pursuant to state statute, these officials perform various services for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its judicial courts, the fiscal court, various cities and special districts within the county, and the board of education. In exercising these responsibilities, however, they are required to comply with state laws. Audits of their financial statements are issued separately and individually and can be obtained from their respective administrative offices.

B. Fund Accounting

Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. The government uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Montgomery County Fiscal Court's Fund Types, a definition of each, and county funds included within each fund type are listed below.

1) General Fund Type

General Fund Type accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund type. The Montgomery County General Fund Type includes the following county funds: General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, Jail Fund, and Local Government Economic Assistance Fund (LGEA).

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2) Special Revenue Fund Type

Special Revenue Fund Type accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for the specified purpose. The Finneran Fund, the Health and Civic Center Fund, the Emergency Food and Shelter Fund, the Juvenile Justice Fund, and the Revolving Loan Fund of the Fiscal Court are reported as Special Revenue Fund Types.

C. Basis of Accounting

For all fund types, the county utilizes a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this basis of accounting, assets, liabilities, and related revenues and expenditures are recorded when they result from cash transactions, with a few exceptions. This modified cash basis recognizes revenues when received, except for the recording of long-term receivables and deferred revenue. Expenditures are recognized when paid, except for the recording of long-term obligations and amounts to be provided in future years.

D. Legal Compliance - Budget

The Montgomery County budget is adopted on a cash basis of accounting and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the State Local Finance Officer. The County Judge/Executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed expenditures to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the State Local Finance Officer. Expenditures may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

E. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in bank accounts, and investments are stated at cost. Investments may include certificates of deposit on the financial statements; however, for the purpose of disclosing credit risk (Note 3), investments exclude certificates of deposit.

KRS 66.480 authorizes the county to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county has elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system which covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 7.17 percent.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

Historical trend information showing the CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is present in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report.

Note 3. Deposits

The county maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the county and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of June 30, 2001, the county's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the county's agent in the county's name, or provided surety bond which named the county as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

Note 4. Notes Receivable

The county loaned \$600,000 to Thornberry Enterprises Inc. on September 22, 1994, for the purpose of constructing a wood products manufacturing facility. Terms of the agreement stipulate a ten-year repayment schedule at 3.0 percent interest. Thornberry Enterprises Inc. is in substantial compliance with the terms of the agreement. As of June 30 2001, the principal balance due was \$381,322.

Note 5. Long-Term Jail Participation Agreement

The Kentucky Local Correctional Facilities Construction Authority, an independent corporate agency and instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, issued revenue bonds for the purpose of construction and reconstruction of jail facilities. The Authority issued \$3,980,885 of revenue bonds at various interest rates, of which the county has agreed to pay \$961,340 principal and a proportional share of interest on the issue. Revenue bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2001, totaled \$675,639.

Due Date	_	cheduled Interest	-	Scheduled Principal	
				_	
2001-2002	\$	41,847	\$	31,389	
2002-2003		39,793		33,379	
2003-2004		37,610		35,496	
2004-2005		35,287		37,747	
2005-2006		32,818		40,140	
2006-2014		154,818		497,488	
				_	
Totals	\$	342,173	\$	675,639	

Note 6. Lease-Purchase Agreement

The county entered into a lease purchase agreement on June 2, 1995, with the Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust for renovation of the courthouse annex. The original principal was \$750,000. On May 7, 2001, the lease purchase agreement was restructured. The new lease stipulates a term of 4 years and an interest rate of 3.56%. The lease will terminate January 20, 2005. The principal outstanding as of June 30, 2001 is \$336,000.

	Scheduled			
Due Date	Principal			
		_		
2001-2002	\$	79,000		
2002-2003		82,000		
2003-2004		86,000		
2004-2005		89,000		
Totals	\$	336,000		

Note 7. Insurance

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, Montgomery County was a member of the Kentucky Association of Counties' All Lines Fund (KALF). KALF is a self-insurance fund and was organized to obtain lower cost coverage for general liability, property damage, public officials' errors and omissions, public liability, and other damages. The basic nature of a self-insurance program is that of a collectively shared risk by its members. If losses incurred for covered claims exceed the resources contributed by the members, the members are responsible for payment of the excess losses.

Note 8. Jail Canteen Fund

The canteen operations are authorized pursuant to KRS 441.135(1), which allows the jailer to sell snacks, sodas, and other items to inmates. The profits generated from the sale of those items are to be used for the benefit or recreation of the inmates. KRS 441.135(2) requires the jailer to maintain accounting records and report annually to the county treasurer the receipts and disbursements of the Jail Canteen. Technical Audit Bulletin 93-002 provides additional accounting and expenditure guidance for acceptable jail canteen operations.

The Montgomery County Jail Canteen Fund had a beginning balance of \$34,065 with total receipts of \$235,528 and expenditures of \$251,371 leaving an ending balance of \$18,222 at June 30, 2001. All profit expenditures were for the benefit and/or recreation of the inmates.

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

Budgeted Funds	(Budgeted Operating Revenue	Actual Operating Revenue	Over (Under) Budget
General Fund Type				
Seneral Fund Type				
General Fund	\$	4,590,339	\$ 3,853,154	\$ (737,185)
Road and Bridge Fund		1,546,136	1,061,021	(485,115)
Jail Fund		1,600,915	1,143,603	(457,312)
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		86,742	79,132	(7,610)
Special Revenue Fund Type				
Finneran Fund		4,650	5,091	441
Health and Civic Center Fund		245,000	150,786	(94,214)
Emergency Food and Shelter Fund		12,090	12,089	(1)
Juvenile Justice Fund		100,000	16,420	(83,580)
Revolving Loan Fund		73,323	 77,617	 4,294
Totals	\$	8,259,195	\$ 6,398,913	\$ (1,860,282)
Reconciliation				
Total Budgeted Operating Revenue Above				\$ 8,259,195
Add: Budgeted Prior Year Surplus				2,198,000
Less: Other Financing Uses				 (2,167,598)
Total Operating Budget Per Comparative Schedule				
Of Final Budget and Budgeted Expenditures				\$ 8,289,597



SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

	(M	Totals (Memorandum General Only) Fund Type		001101111	Special Revenue Fund Type	
REVENUE:						
Taxes	\$	3,011,340	\$	3,011,340	\$	
Excess Fees		161,996		161,996		
License and Permits		79,733		79,733		
Intergovernmental Revenues		2,640,375		2,510,322		130,053
Charges for Services		87,525		73,841		13,684
Miscellaneous Revenues		252,461		157,493		94,968
Interest Earned		165,483		142,185		23,298
Total Operating Revenue	\$	6,398,913	\$	6,136,910	\$	262,003



COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	GENERAL FUND TYPE						
Expenditure Categories		Final Budget		Budgeted spenditures		Under (Over) Budget	
General Government	\$	1,931,749	\$	1,456,984	\$	474,765	
Protection to Persons and Property		1,371,202		1,317,143		54,059	
General Health and Sanitation		168,058		168,531		(473)	
Social Services		63,000		59,863		3,137	
Recreation and Culture		75,000		67,355		7,645	
Transportation Facilities and Services		25,000		1,922		23,078	
Roads		1,380,378		1,464,324		(83,946)	
Airports		25,000		25,000			
Debt Service		7,160		59,017		(51,857)	
General Services		129,350		96,928		32,422	
Contingent Appropriations		847,163				847,163	
Capital Projects		117,974				117,974	
Distribution to Other Government Agencies		720,000		831,433		(111,433)	
Administration		600,500		565,611		34,889	
Total Operating Budget - General							
Fund Type	\$	7,461,534	\$	6,114,111	\$	1,347,423	
Other Financing Uses:							
Borrowed Money-							
Kentucky Advance Revenue							
Program - Principal		2,070,000				2,070,000	
Annex Capital Lease Agreement-							
Principal on Lease		69,840		63,151		6,689	
Jail Participation Agreement-							
Principal		27,758		29,517		(1,759)	

TOTAL BUDGET - GENERAL

FUND TYPE

\$ 9,629,132 \$ 6,206,779 \$ 3,422,353

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001 (Continued)

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPE					
	Final Budget		U		Under (Over) Budget
\$	100,000	\$	59,585	\$	40,415
	223,000		258,286		(35,286)
	12,090		12,089		1
	400,373				400,373
			3,518		(3,518)
	92,600		36,153		56,447
\$	828 063	\$	369 631	\$	458,432
		Fina1 Budget \$ 100,000 223,000 12,090 400,373 92,600	Final B Budget Ex \$ 100,000 \$ 223,000 12,090 400,373 92,600	Final Budgeted Expenditures \$ 100,000 \$ 59,585	Final Budgeted Expenditures \$ 100,000 \$ 59,585 \$ 223,000 258,286 12,090 12,089 400,373 3,518 92,600 36,153



REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial
Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the financial statements of Montgomery County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated February 20, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Montgomery County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> which is described in the accompanying comment and recommendation.

• The County Should Improve Internal Controls Over Insurance Coverage And Comply With State And Federal Tax Laws

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Montgomery County's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition.

Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards (Continued)

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)

Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Montgomery County's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A reportable condition is described in the accompanying comment and recommendation.

• The County Should Improve Internal Controls Over Insurance Coverage And Comply With State And Federal Tax Laws

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we consider the reportable condition described above to be a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - February 20, 2002

COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

REPORTABLE CONDITION AND NONCOMPLIANCE

The County Should Improve Internal Controls Over Insurance Coverage And Comply With State And Federal Tax Laws

The Fiscal Court did not maintain adequate internal controls over health insurance coverage and did not comply with certain state and federal tax laws. Procedures performed for a three month period revealed that 24 employees who were no longer employed by the county were still covered under the county's health insurance policy and that neither state nor federal tax withholdings were paid timely. KRS 141.330 and the Internal Revenue Code require an employer to pay tax withholdings on a timely basis and allow for penalties and interest for failure to pay timely. We recommend the County Treasurer routinely compare employee payroll records to insurance policies to verify who should be covered by the insurance policy. We also recommend the County Treasurer compare payroll withholding records to withholding tax disbursements to ensure compliance with the requirements of KRS 141.330 and the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, we recommend the County Judge/Executive or the members of the Fiscal Court periodically determine that health and life insurance policies accurately list those that should be covered and that payroll taxes are being paid on a timely basis.

County Judge/Executive B. D. Wilson's Response:

All insurance coverage has been addressed and corrections made. Administrative Assistant will review employee listing and insurance bills quarterly to determine correctness. Federal and state taxes will be paid on time in the future. Former County Treasurer was responsible for all the above findings. New County Treasurer will comply with all recommendations.



CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The Montgomery County Fiscal Court hereby certifies that assistance received from the Local Government Economic Assistance Program was expended for the purpose intended as dictated by the applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Name

County Judge/Executive

Name

County Treasurer